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TUCSON MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz.—Frank Marshall Thomas, 42, of Tucson, Ariz. was sentenced here today by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata to 40 months in prison to be followed by lifetime supervised release with a number of conditions including a requirement that Thomas register as a sex offender. Thomas pleaded guilty on March 6, 2006, to Possession of Child Pornography.

Authorities were alerted that a computer account which Thomas had been using had been used to distribute child pornography through "peer-to-peer" communications. The possession charges stemmed from the recovery of child pornography from a computer and computer disks seized upon the execution of a federal search warrant at Thomas' residence on January 6, 2005. A forensic review of the computer and computer disks seized on that day resulted in the recovery of thousands of images and movies depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including children under the age of 12.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the FBI. The prosecution is being handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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